

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a full and timely response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of July 17, 2007 as mailed on July 17, 2007 for which a month was allotted for reply. The Notice erroneously alleges that the amendment document filed on July 10, 2007 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 27 CFR 1.121 or 1. This finding is respectfully traversed as erroneous.

The paper explains that the purported amendments to the drawings cause the amendment to be non-compliant. However, the amendment of July 10, 2007 makes no amendments to the drawings that cause the drawings to be improperly marked as indicated in Block 3.A of the notice. In fact, the Action of March 28, 2007 to which the amendment was responsive had stated that the drawings as filed were accepted; a review of the file will show Figs. 1 to 8 as filed. No changes were made to the drawings.

The LIE may have become confused during scanning in that a translation of the text of the priority application was provided in which the original drawings of the Japanese priority application were attached to the translation. A comparison of those drawings with those on file indicates their substantial similarity with Japanese characters removed at the time of filing in the U.S. The submission of that text was clearly not intended to be an amendment of the drawings as filed and found acceptable to the Japanese original drawings in the priority application.

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PATENT APPLICATION

Withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is respectfully solicited.

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